



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Robert Glyn Lewin, et al.

Group Art Unit:

Serial Number: 10/537,744

Examiner:

Filed: June 6, 2005

Customer No.: 24,239

For: SEPARATION OF METALS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08a and PTO/SB/08b be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application and made of record therein. Full text copies of the relevant non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed. This information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

William A. Barrett
Registration No. 42,296
Attorney for Applicant
Moore & Van Allen, PLLC
430 Davis Dr., Suite 500
Morrisville, NC 27560-6832
Phone: 919-286-8000
Facsimile: 919-286-8199

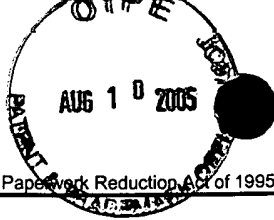
August 8, 2005

Date

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the US Postal Service as first class mail on August 8, 2005, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Katrina Holland



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/537,744		
		Filing Date	June 6, 2005		
		First Named Inventor	Robert Glyn Lewin		
		Art Unit			
		Examiner Name			
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	014875-000005

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)				
	AA	US- 4,923,577		05/08/1990	McLaughlin et al.	
	AB	US- 4,762,694		08/09/1988	Maroni et al.	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

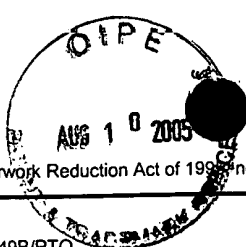
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					
	AC	WO 2004/050955 A3		06/17/2004	British Nuclear Fuels PLC		
	AD	WO 02/066712 A1		08/29/2002	British Nuclear Fuels PLC		
	AE	WO 01 41152 A2		06/07/2001	British Nuclear Fuels PLC		
	AF	WO 99/64638		12/16/1999	Cambridge University Technical Services Limited		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/537,744		
		Filing Date	June 6, 2005		
		First Named Inventor	Robert Glyn Lewin		
		Art Unit			
		Examiner Name			
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	014875-000005

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	AG	KARTHICK GOURISHANKAR, et al.; Electrochemical Reduction of Metal Oxides in Molten Salts; Electrochemical Reduction of Metal Oxides in Molten Salts; 2002 pp. 1075-1082; Light Metal (Warrendale PA); Light Metals: Proceedings of Sessions, TMS Annual Meeting (Warrendale, PA)	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.